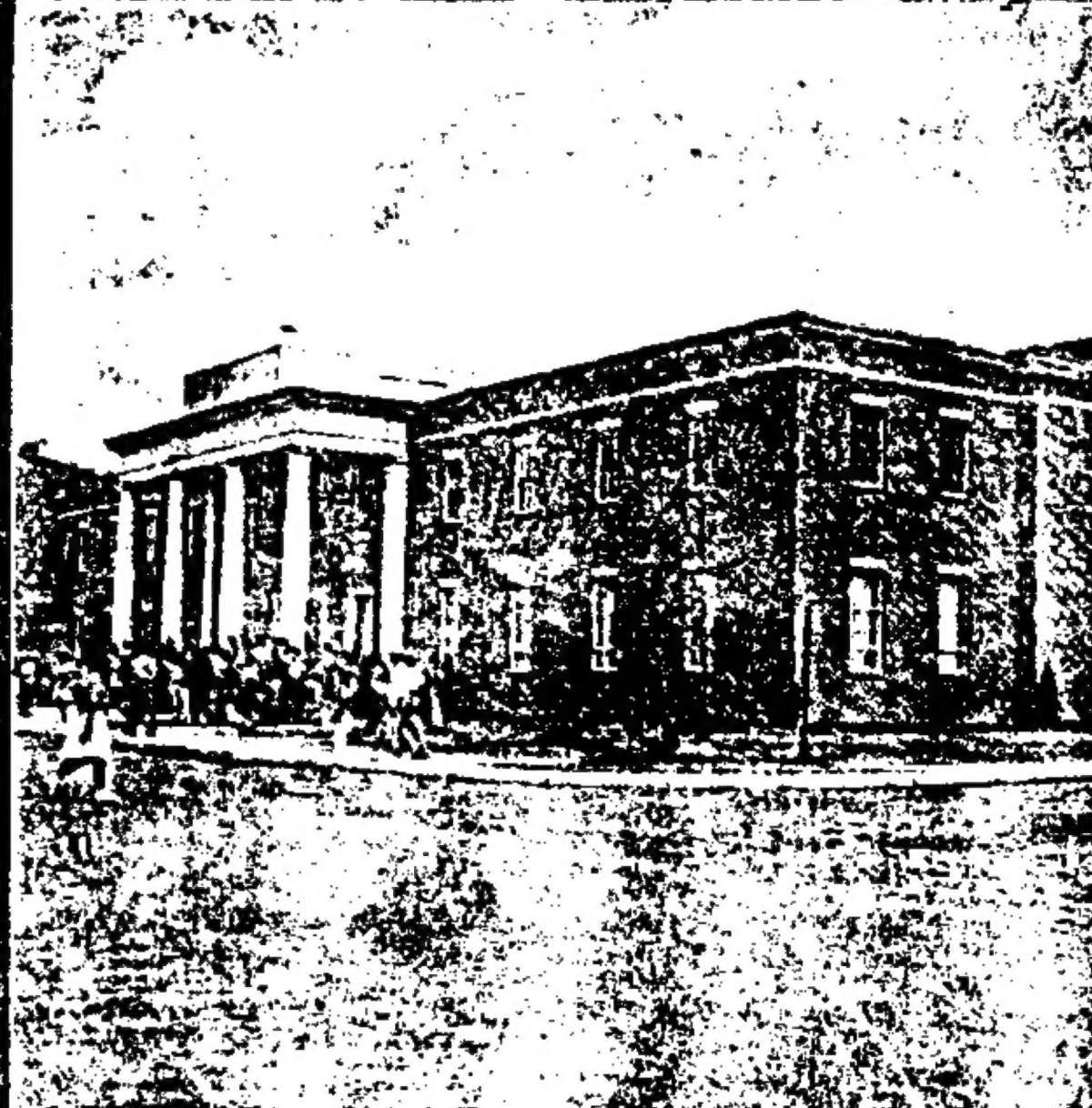




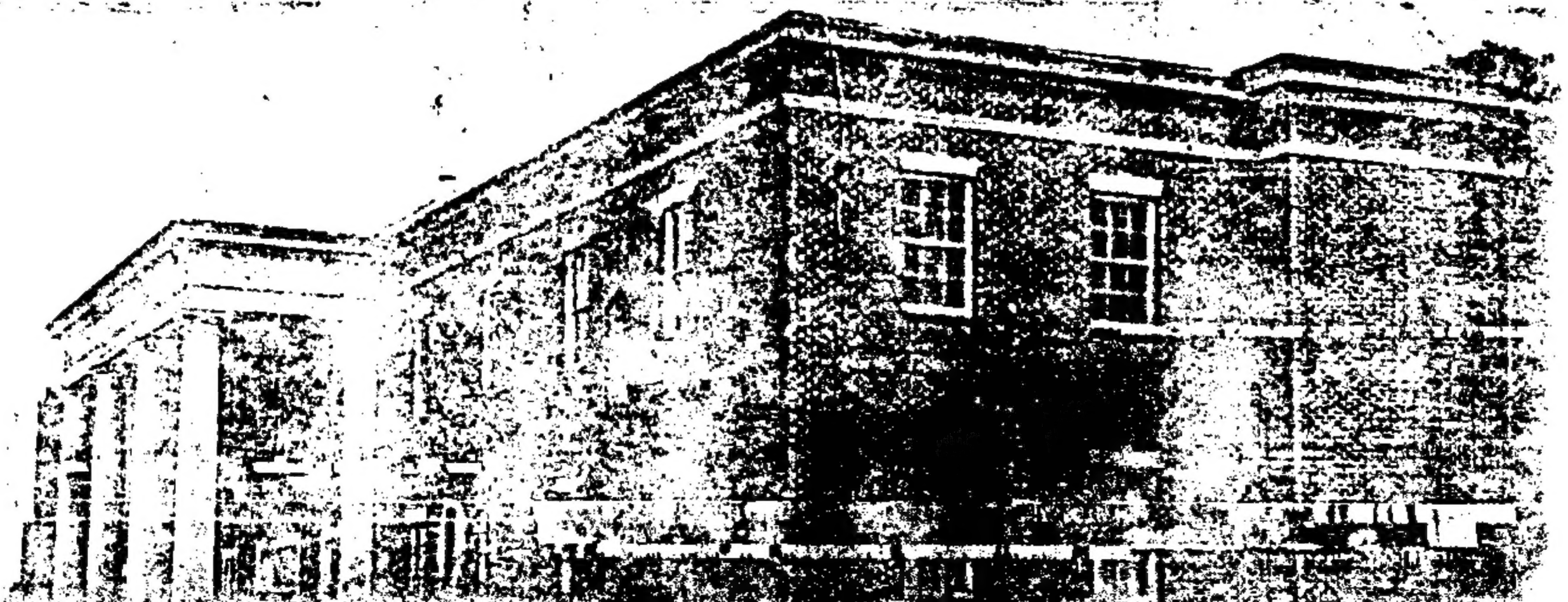
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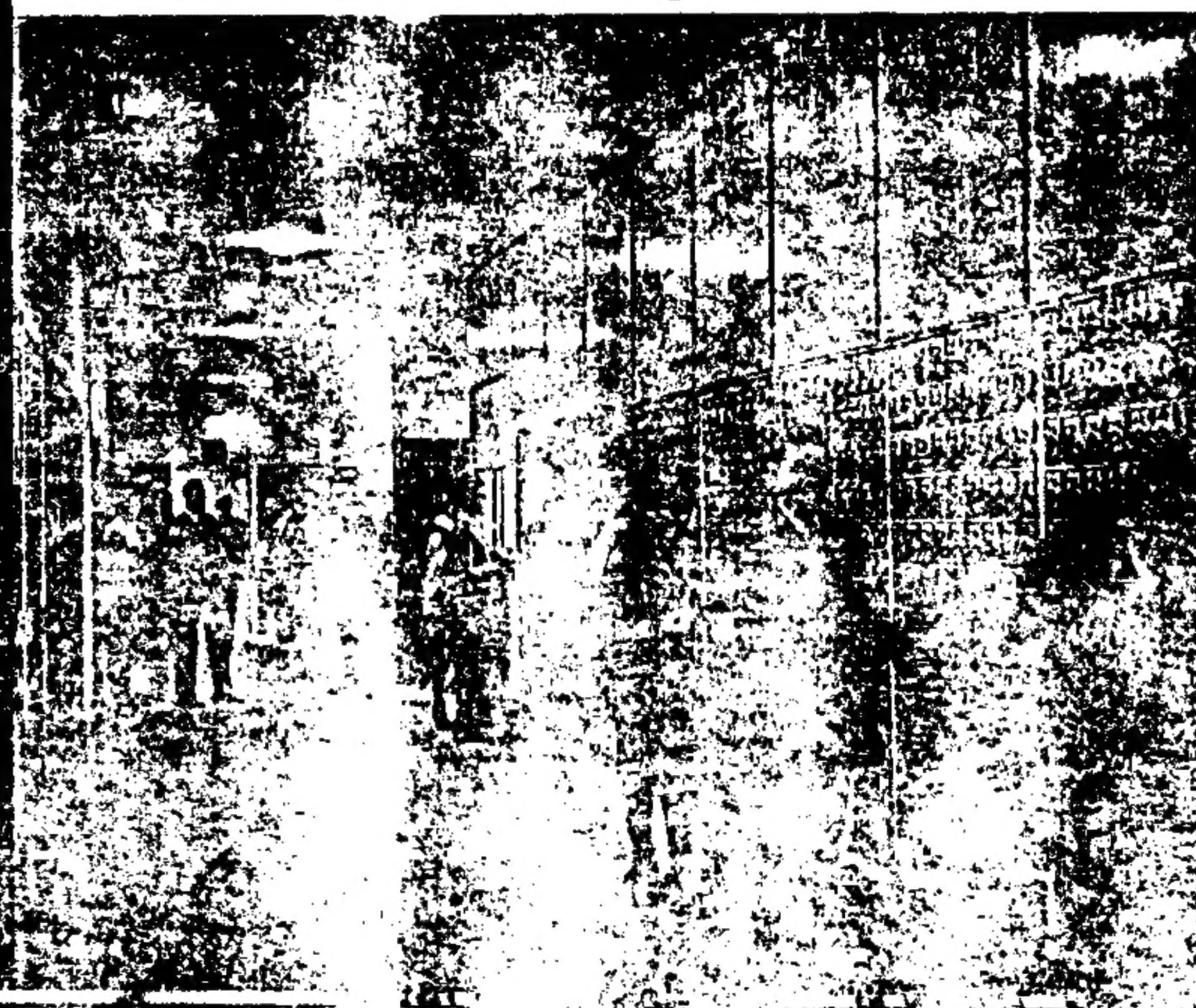
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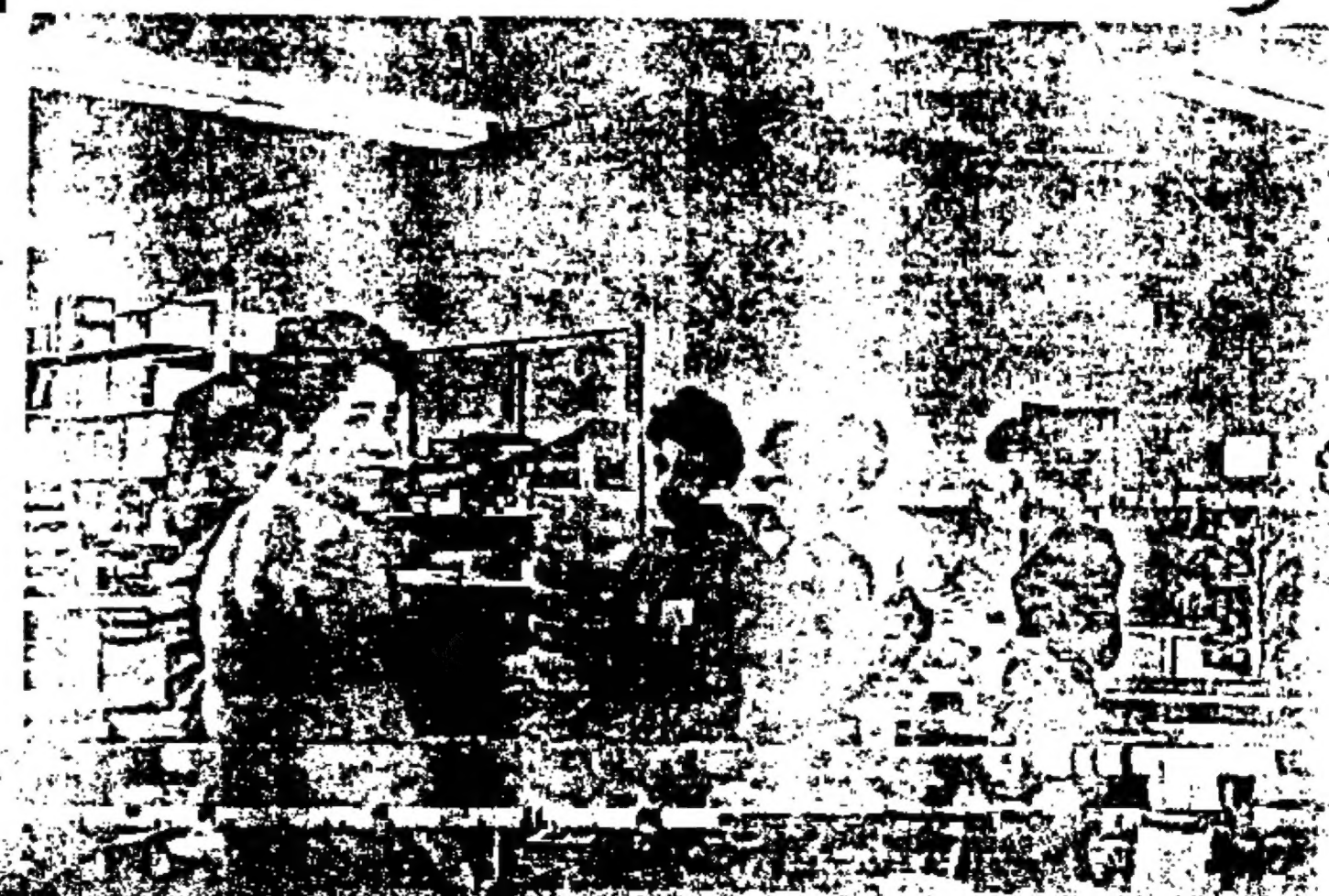
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Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, 2/28/66.

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copies for New Orleans, concerning captioned matter.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will conduct appropriate investigation to ascertain whether Chicago Chapter of the DDJ has actually been formed and whether Chicago headquarters will be at 30 West Washington, Chicago.

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INCORPORATED
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RACIAL MATTER

Reference is made to memorandum dated February 28,
1966 at Chicago, Illinois.

All of the sources mentioned in this memorandum
have furnished reliable information in the past.

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On April 4, 1966.

[redacted] advised that no information has been developed which would indicate that a chapter of the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Incorporated (DDJ), has been formed in Chicago or that the DDJ has obtained any office space in Chicago. They also stated that Ernest Thomas, an organizer of the DDJ, is reportedly in and out of Chicago frequently, but is not known to have any permanent residence in Chicago.

Confidential informants who are acquainted with certain racial matters in the Chicago, Illinois area advised in April, 1966 that Ernest Thomas has allegedly been active in organizing a Chicago chapter of the DDJ. In fact, he has met with considerable success in recruiting members to civil rights organizations in Chicago. These informants also advised that there has not been any indication that Thomas has attempted to purchase or lease any property while in Chicago. There is an account of Chicago frequently and is not known to have any permanent residence in Chicago.

The following article appeared in The Daily News, Chicago, Illinois newspaper, dated May 1, 1966.

"Negro Warlike Unit Formed Here"

"The Deacons of Defense and Justice, Incorporated, a militant group active in Chicago, the Daily News learned, has started a branch in Chicago."

"The group, which is active in Chicago, has been the sponsor of the chapter, and it is believed that the group has been active in Chicago for some time. The group is believed to be active in Chicago and is believed to be active in Chicago."

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"CORNELIUS said three members of the Bogalusa (La.) Deacons chapter have been in Chicago helping to organize the Chicago chapter.

"They were invited here by Olive Branch Lodge 94 of Prince Hall Masons," said Cornelius. "They are here also to appeal for funds for the defense of civil rights workers arrested in Bogalusa."

"CORNELIUS, when asked why he thought a Deacons chapter was essential to Chicago, said, 'It was only last week a cross was burned on a lawn in Waukegan. There's no doubt that we need a chapter here.'"

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TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, Detroit (157-1200) (C)

APPEARANCE OF ERNEST THOMAS,
VICE PRESIDENT, DEACONS OF
DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.,-
JONESBORO, LOUISIANA,
SPONSORED BY THE
FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIALIST FORUM,
DETROIT, MICHIGAN
4/1/66
RM

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Re Detroit airtel and LHM to the Bureau, 3/24/66, captioned as
above (no copies furnished Chicago).

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM concerning
captioned matter. Two copies are being furnished the New
Orleans Office, which is office of origin of the Deacons of
Defense and Justice, Inc.

In addition, two copies are being furnished the Chicago Office
since ERNEST THOMAS mentioned during his speech that the
Headquarters of the Deacons is located in Chicago.

One copy of LHM being furnished G-2, USA and OSI, Detroit, Mich.,
and one copy being furnished ONI, Chicago. Two copies are
also being furnished U.S. Secret Service, Detroit, Mich.

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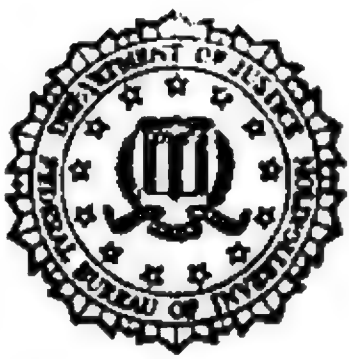
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Detroit, Michigan
April 4, 1966

CLASS. & EXT. BY SP18K/fk7
REASON - 1-2.1.1
DATE OF REVIEW 4-4-82

Re: Appearance of Ernest Thomas,
Vice President, Deacons of
Defense and Justice, Incorporated,
Jonesboro, Louisiana, Sponsored
By the Friday Night Socialist Forum,
Detroit, Michigan
April 1, 1966

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Reference is made to memorandum at Detroit, Michigan
dated March 24, 1966, captioned as above.

A characterization of the Friday Night
Socialist Forum is contained in the
appendix attached hereto.

All unidentified sources utilized in the
appendix have furnished reliable information
in the past.

On April 4, 1966, a source, who has furnished reliable
information in the past, advised that Ernest Thomas, Vice
President of the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Incorporated,
from Jonesboro, Louisiana, spoke in Detroit, Michigan, on
April 1, 1966, at a forum sponsored by the Friday Night
Socialist Forum which was held at 3737 Woodward Avenue, Detroit,
Michigan.

Source advised that Thomas was the featured speaker
at this forum and spoke for approximately one hour. According
to source, approximately 60 to 70 individuals, the majority
of whom were Negro, were in attendance at this forum.

Thomas, during his talk, indicated that by the summer
of 1966, there will be "groups of Deacons" in every community
in both the North and South. Thomas indicated that the
headquarters of the Deacons is located in Chicago and that the
Deacons also receive their training in Chicago before being
dispatched to various cities throughout the United States to
form Deacon clubs.

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Re: Appearance of Ernest Thomas, Etc.

Thomas indicated, at the present time, that the Deacons are direly in need of funds and that the Deacons, in order to obtain these funds, plan on putting pressure on rich Negroes. Thomas indicated, during his talk, if the white power structure in the United States does not maintain law and order, then the Deacons plan to take law and order into their own hands. He stated that the Deacons would deal in a harsh manner with any informants of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) or Central Intelligence Agency within their organization and plan on utilizing all their resources in an effort to get Negro citizens to vote in the forthcoming elections throughout the United States.

Thomas indicated that his organization was protecting civil rights workers in the South and preventing anyone from harming these civil rights workers while engaged in their activities. Thomas discussed the recent rioting in the Watts area of Los Angeles, California, and that which took place during the summer of 1965. He indicated it was significant that in the recent rioting which took place in the Watts area, that many of the individuals involved were armed with rifles and other weapons, whereas during the summer of 1965, very few of the Negroes were armed.

[REDACTED]

The Articles of Incorporation of the Deacons of Defense and Justice (DDJ) as on file with the Secretary of State, for the State of Louisiana, reflects that the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc. is a Louisiana corporation domiciled at Jonesboro, Louisiana. The location and business office address of its registered office shall be Amos Service Station (rear), Beach Spring Road, Drawer B, Jonesboro, Louisiana.

"This corporation is organized for the following purposes and to carry on the following purposes: To instruct, train,

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Re: Appearance of Ernest Thomas, Etc.

"teach and educate Citizens of the United States and especially minority groups in the fundamental principals of the republican form of government and our democratic way of life; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons in the provisions of the constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Louisiana, as well as the constitution and laws of any other State wherein this corporation may operate; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons in the use, value and purpose of the ballot and the right to vote; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons as to the duties and responsibilities of good citizenship relative to the obligation and duties of the citizen to the community and the obligation and duties of the community to the citizen: To further instruct, teach, train and educate said persons in the value of economic security and in the effective use of their spending power; to inspire in said persons a sense of responsibility and to develop leadership. This corporation has for its further purpose, and is dedicated to, the defense of the civil rights, property rights and personal rights of said people and will defend said rights by any and all honorable and legal means to the end that justice may be obtained. This corporation may establish chapters and conduct its business at any place in this State and elsewhere as permitted by law."

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APPENDIX

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIALIST FORUM

On May 19, 1965, a source advised that the Friday Night Socialist Forum (FNSF) is a name used by the Detroit, Michigan Branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in sponsoring forums, socials and other functions which are open to the public. Primarily, FNSF pertains to weekly public forums held at SWP headquarters, for the purpose of spreading propaganda of the SWP, developing contacts, facilitating recruitment and members into the SWP, and presenting subjects of a controversial nature in the social, political and economic fields. Usually speakers are members of the SWP and they give the socialist viewpoint of the subject discussed. The money collected at these FNSFs goes to the Detroit Branch, SWP treasury.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35356)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.
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Re Chicago teletypes 4/7, 8/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine (9) copies and for Atlanta three (3) copies of a self-explanatory Letterhead Memorandum concerning captioned individual and his activities in Chicago as known during the period for 4/6-8/66. Also enclosed for the Bureau is a copy of the envelope and letter received by [REDACTED] b7C

The Special Agent monitoring the broadcast on 4/10/66, was SA [REDACTED] b7C

The investigative Clerk conducting [REDACTED] on 6/4/65, was IC [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reviewed on 6/4/65, by IC [REDACTED]

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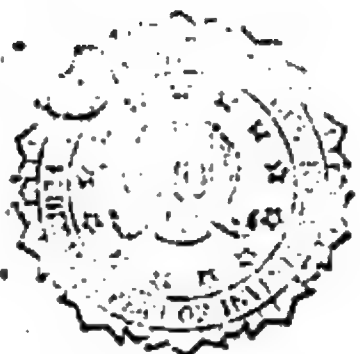
A case is being opened concerning [REDACTED] b7C
in which further background information will be developed,
and through which the Chicago Office will follow local
investigation.

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Based on available information, Chicago cannot identify
[REDACTED] with prior file references.

Copies of this Letterhead Memorandum are being
disseminated locally to the United States Attorney, United
States Secret Service and Region I, 113th INTC Group.

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Chicago, Illinois
April 12, 1966

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On April 7, 1966, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised the Chicago
Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as follows:

Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern
Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) arrived in Chicago during
the evening of April 6, 1966. On April 7, 1966, King spent
the morning at the offices of the Chicago Urban League, and in
the afternoon King was to appear before a gathering of students
and faculty at the University of Illinois, Circle Campus,
Chicago, Illinois.

In the evening of April 7, 1966, King was to appear
at a church located on Chicago's south side, the purpose of
or details regarding this meeting were not known.

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Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.

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The "Chicago Daily News" on April 6, 1966, contained an article stating that on April 5, 1966, an order was handed down in Circuit Court, Chicago, Illinois, enjoining Martin Luther King and the SCLC from interfering with the operation of an apartment building at 1321 South Homan, Chicago, Illinois, or collecting rents from the tenants at this building. An accounting was ordered for rents which had been collected and repair expenditures made by King since he took over the building.

This article reported that a SCLC official at Atlanta, Georgia, had advised that the court order would be contested and that this was only the first step to build up a body of legal precedent to guarantee tenants' rights.

On April 8, 1966, [redacted] advised that King was to attend a SCLC workshop at Woodstock, Illinois, during the afternoon of April 8, 1966, and at 8:40 p.m. King was scheduled to depart Chicago, Illinois, for Atlanta, Georgia.

On April 10, 1966, a program "Sunday with Martin Luther King" was aired on radio station WAAF-AM from 10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

In monitoring this program, it was noted that it consisted of the sermon by King pointing out that just as Christianity had overcome evil, Negroes would overcome the evil standing between them and freedom.

Listeners were requested to contribute to the SCLC at 123 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, and were invited to tune in each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. to hear Martin Luther King.

The "Daily News" on April 5, 1966, contained an article identifying Lavernon Cornelius, 7354 South Michigan, Chicago, Illinois, as one of the sponsors of a "Negro Defense Unit" in Chicago known as "The Deacons of Defense and Justice" (DDJ). Cornelius was reported in this article as saying that deacons are primed to fight a war if necessary to protect Negro rights.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2426)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-572)

SUBJECT: ~~DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE,~~
INCORPORATED, aka
Deacons For Defense And
Justice, Incorporated
RM (ORGANIZATION)Re Chicago airtel to Bureau 4/5/66, captioned as
above and New Orleans teletype to Bureau, dated 3/31/66,
captioned "RACIAL SITUATION, BOGALUSA, LOUISIANA."Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of a LHM
and nine copies for New Orleans concerning captioned matter.[redacted] in the enclosed LHM is [redacted] (protect -
requested), and [redacted] is [redacted] (protect -
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all Chicago, Illinois.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will ascertain whether a
Chapter of the DDJ is actually formed in Chicago and the Bureau
and New Orleans will be kept advised of all pertinent developments.

Chicago files contain no pertinent information con-
cerning [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

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Chicago, Illinois
April 13, 1966

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DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND JUSTICE,
INCORPORATED
RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

Reference is made to memorandum dated April 5,
1966, at Chicago, Illinois.

An article appeared in the "Chicago Daily News",
a Chicago, Illinois, newspaper, dated April 5, 1966, which
in part stated that a Chapter of the Deacons of Defense
and Justice, Incorporated (DDJ), had been formed at Chicago
and that LaVernon Cornelius of 7354 South Michigan Avenue,
Chicago, was one of the sponsors of the Chicago branch.
The article also stated that the headquarters for the Chicago
Chapter would be located at 30 West Washington, Chicago.

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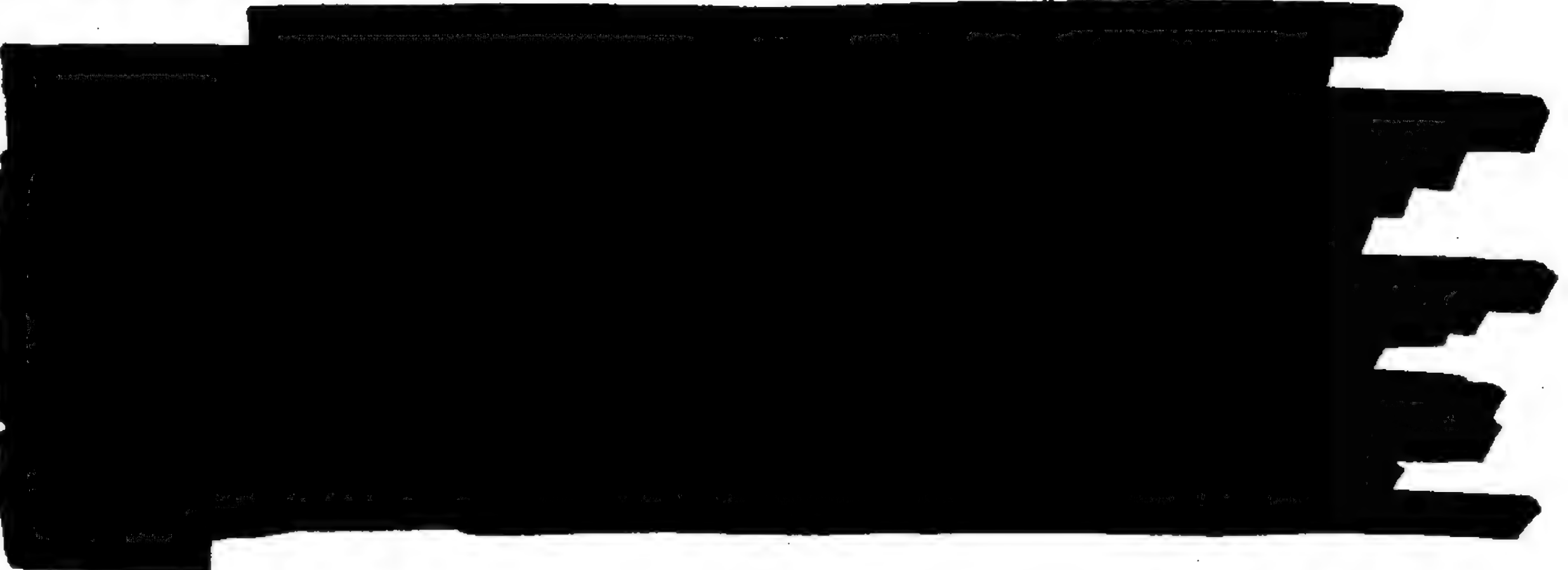
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47 The following article appeared in the April 6, 1966,
48 issue of the "Chicago Daily News", a Chicago, Illinois, newspaper:
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15 "'Not Trying to Start Movement in North'

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17 "Negro Vigilantes Here Will Aid Dixie Fight

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19 "The Deacons for Defense and Justice, an armed
20 Negro self-defense organization, is starting a Chicago branch
21 'to help in the struggle in the South,' says president Charles
22 Sims.

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24 "'We're not trying to come up here and start a
25 movement,' said the massive, soft-voiced native of Bogalusa,
26 La., at a press conference in a home at 7354 S. Michigan.

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28 "Sims said the Deacons hope to raise money and
29 manpower here for civil rights campaigns in Bogalusa and
30 other Southern cities.

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32 "With him at the press conference was A. Z. Young,
33 president of the Bogalusa Voters League. The Voters League is
34 the local civil rights group in Bogalusa, focus of marches
35 and demonstrations last summer.

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37 "Sims said the Deacons were organized when local
38 police could not protect Negroes and civil rights workers.

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40 "He said armed Deacons patrol Negro neighborhoods,,
41 guard the homes of civil rights leaders and watch Negro
42 churches 'so they don't get bombed.'

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44 "Sims and Young said they are trying to raise money
45 for the defense of 90 children and six adults going on trial
46 in Bogalusa Friday on charges growing out of demonstrations
47 last October.

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15 "They said they have no money to pay fines in the
16 event of a guilty verdict.
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18 "Young said he also was seeking support for a 105-mile
19 march from Bogalusa to the Louisiana state capital in Baton
20 Rouge, to take place within 60 days.
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22 "'We're going to clean up the whole state of
23 Louisiana,' said Young. 'The whole state is out of line.'
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25 "THE BOGALUSA leaders said they wanted to confer
26 with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King 'to ask his support in
27 out struggle in Bogalusa.' King was expected to return to
28 Chicago Thursday.
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30 "Sims said he 'hadn't planned on' working with
31 King in Chicago. 'We want Dr. King's help for Bogalusa,'
32 he said.
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34 "King, who preaches nonviolence, has been critical
35 of the Deacons, but Young said 'King might have been misled about
36 the Deacons and the Voters League in Bogalusa.'
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38 "'The Bogalusa Voters League is nonviolent, just like
39 Dr. King's organization,' said Young. 'And the Deacons are
40 nonviolent -- up to a point.'
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42 "In Chicago, Sims suggested, a Deacons' chapter
43 might try to register more Negro voters.
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45 "'I understand Dick Gregory is running for mayor,'
46 he said. 'If there was a Deacons chapter here, it could
47 endorse Mr. Gregory.'
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"Sims said it was 'not true' that the Deacons were a black Ku Klux Klan.

"We're a defensive organization, organized to defend people," he said. "We have a constitutional right to defend our home, our children and our lives."

"He said the organization has chapters in many Southern cities. 'In the South,' he said, 'the (white) man is making us pick up arms in order to live.'"

"While the Northern Negro can use ballots instead of bullets, he said, 'there's a need for Deacons anywhere in the country where black men exist.'"

The following article appeared in the April 8, 1966, issue of the "Chicago Daily News", a Chicago, Illinois, newspaper:

"Prince Hall Masons Deny Deacons Link

"The head of the state Prince Hall Masons has strongly denied his organization has any connection with the Deacons for Defense and Justice, a Southern-based Negro vigilante group that reportedly is starting a chapter here.

"Oscar Staddon DePriest, grand master of the organization, said, 'We most certainly disown any intention of affiliation with any group... which carries guns or other weapons.'"

"The Deacons are said to carry guns in their fight against the Ku Klux Klan.

"LaVernon Cornelius, worshipful master of the Olive Branch Lodge 94 of Prince Hall, had said that a recent visit to Chicago by several Deacons was backed by his lodge.

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15 "I have ordered a sweeping investigation into the
16 affairs of Olive Branch Lodge," DePriest said Thursday night
17 at the Masons office, 4227 S. Cottage Grove.
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19 "I have already contacted several members (of
20 Lodge 94) who say they know nothing concerning any invitation
21 to the so-called Deacons from Louisiana."
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23 "DE PRIEST SAID he had ordered Cornelius to 'cease
24 and desist' any activity connected with the Deacons and his
25 capacity as worshipful master. Cornelius was not present
26 at the press conference.
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28 "DePriest said he would ask for the minutes of
29 past meetings of Lodge 94, which has about 100 members. He
30 said the over-all membership in Prince Hall Masons in the
31 state is about 10,000.
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33 "Meanwhile, Mary Lowe, who manages the building
34 at 30 W. Washington, where Cornelius reported the Deacon
35 chapter was located, said there is no such group in the
36 building."
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38 [REDACTED] that it was (c)
39 ascertained that there is no Office of the DDJ at 30 West b1
40 Washington, Chicago. [REDACTED] that no (c)
41 information has been received which would indicate that a
42 chapter of the DDJ has been formed at Chicago.
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44 On April 11, 1966, [REDACTED] b7C
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46 and [REDACTED] that no information has been developed (c) b1
47 that would indicate that a chapter of the DDJ has been
48 formed in Chicago or that the DDJ has obtained any office
49 space in Chicago.
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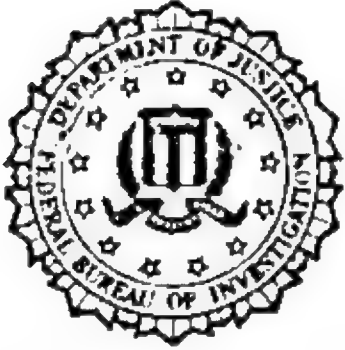
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Confidential informant who are acquainted with certain racial matters in the Chicago, Illinois area, advised during April, 1966, that to their knowledge, no chapter of the DDJ has been formed in Chicago.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
April 13, 1966

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Title

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE
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Character

RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

Reference

Memorandum dated and captioned
as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

[REDACTED] is [REDACTED]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (157-¹⁷¹⁵~~1715~~), (P)

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SUBJECT: MURDER OF FOUR KLANSMEN

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AT JACKSONBORO, S. C., 4/7-8/66

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RE: KKKK

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On 4-11-66, [redacted] advised SA [redacted]

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that on 4-11-66, [redacted] advised SA [redacted]

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On 4-11-66, [redacted] advised SA [redacted]

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Klan members had been beaten by fourteen Negroes claiming to be

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Civil Rights when the Klansmen were putting up posters
advertising a klan rally to be held on 4-9-68.

Informant stated that the public rally held on
4-9-68, attended by approximately 300 individuals, went
off without incident even though approximately 100 klans-
men were armed during entire rally.

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Due to the sensitive nature of this information,
no leads are being set forth for the [REDACTED] Division
at the present time and this information is not being
disseminated until further verification that other persons
other than those mentioned above have access to this
information.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI(157-2466)

DATE: 4-22-66

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FROM : SAC, JACKSON(157-3465)(P)

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC., aka
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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

Rerep SA [REDACTED] 3-28-66, at New Orleans

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM with two copies being submitted for New Orleans. One copy each is being forwarded to ICG, Jackson and Secret Service, Jackson.

DATE FORWARDED: 4/27/66

AGENCY: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Other individuals set forth in the LHM were interviewed by SA [REDACTED]

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REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 4-23-80At Jackson, Mississippi

Will maintain contact with sources to obtain background concerning possible organization of Deacons of Defense and Justice if chapters in Mississippi organized and attempt to determine leadership, strength of members, as well as arms acquired.

- (2)-Bureau(Enc. 8)(RM)
2-New Orleans(157-3290)(Enc. 2)(RM)
5-Jackson(1-157-3465)

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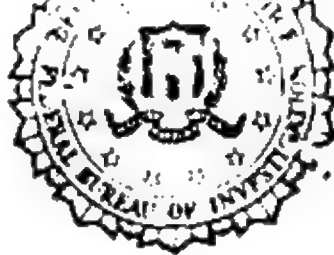
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi

April 22, 1966

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DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND
JUSTICE, INCORPORATED
RACIAL MATTERS

[REDACTED] Mississippi
Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP)

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[REDACTED] on April 13, 1966, that the MFDP, to his knowledge, has no one in their organization who is a member of the Deacons of Defense and Justice (DDJ). He said the MFDP has been the center of the civil rights movement within the State of Mississippi for the past year along with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and there have been attempts made to recruit chapters of the DDJ. To the best of his knowledge, there have been no members of the DDJ from Bogalusa, Mermer, or Jonesboro, Louisiana, in Jackson for the past several months attempting to recruit members for the DDJ.

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[REDACTED] that no additional information has been received concerning forming chapters in the State of Mississippi since last contacted. The source advised that there are no chapters of the DDJ within the State of Mississippi. The source advised that the NAACP within the State of Mississippi has refused to have any association with the DDJ in Louisiana and there is no one in the DDJ strong enough to form a chapter of the DDJ within the State of Mississippi.

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[REDACTED] that he has traveled throughout the State of Mississippi on behalf of the civil rights movement and he has received no information that chapters have been organized within the State of Mississippi.

[REDACTED]

The source advised that there has been no information obtained concerning the existence of any DDJ chapters or actual members. The source advised that daily contact had with Negro and white civil rights workers.

[REDACTED] Jackson, Mississippi, advised on April 22, 1966, he could furnish pertinent information concerning the DDJ. He said that since the DDJ held a meeting at the Masonic Temple, Lynch Street, Jackson, August 29, 1965, there has been no other efforts, to his knowledge, to recruit members. [REDACTED] stated that he has attempted to determine if the NAACP and the MFDP have recruited members of the DDJ for protection in the Jackson area and he has been unable to substantiate [REDACTED] any activity on behalf of the DDJ.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised on April 22, 1966, he could furnish no pertinent information concerning the DDJ not previously furnished. He said there have been several racial situations occurring within the State of Mississippi the last several months, but [REDACTED] has disclosed no activity on behalf of the DDJ.

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NEWARK ADVISE IF KLAN RALLY PLANNED FOR FOUR TWENTYTHREE,
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GROUPS RE ABOVE AND CONSIDER STEPS TO PROTECT PHYSICAL WELFARE
OF ANY CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES THAT MAY HAVE PLANNED TO ATTEND
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (~~157-370~~)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (157-1892)

SUBJECT: UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA,
INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN (UKA)
RM (KLAN)

Re Philadelphia teletype dated 4/17/66 and Newark
airtels to the Bureau dated 4/8/66 and 4/15/66.

[REDACTED] No information has
been developed indicating any rallies by the UKA, or other Klan
organizations, prior to May 20 - 23, 1966. A farm in Fairfield
Township, which is in southern New Jersey, has been leased by
the UKA for the period May 20 - 23, 1966, as reflected in
referenced Newark airtels. The rally is expected to be held on
Saturday, May 21, 1966.

Newark files contain no information concerning the
existence of a Deacons of Defense and Justice (DDJ) organization
in Paterson or any other city in New Jersey. Philadelphia
will recontact the "other sources" referred in referenced
teletype and furnish any specific information developed
regarding DDJ activity in the New Jersey area.

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- 1 - New York (157-1552) (Info) (RM)
- 2 - Philadelphia (157-341) (RM)
- 2 - Newark
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Newark sources alerted. Bureau and interested offices
will be kept advised of any pertinent developments.

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10\03 AM EST URGENT 4-18-66 CIF

TO DIRECTOR, NEW YORK, NEWARK, BALTIMORE, AND NEW ORLEANS

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

FROM PHILADELPHIA /157-341/ 2P

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REASON: FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 4-18-86

UNITED PLANS OF AMERICA
UKA, KKKK\ RM

KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN

RE PHILADELPHIA TELETYPE, APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST.

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DELPHIA NEWSPAPER ARTICLE IN QUOTE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER
END QUOTE, APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST REFLECTING A MILITANT NEGRO
ORGANIZATION IN THE SOUTH HAD VOWED TO MAKE PHILADELPHIA A
QUOTE "HOT SPOT" END QUOTE AND THAT A PHILADELPHIA SCHOOLTEACHER
WOULD HEAD THE DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND JUSTICE /DFDAJ/ IN
PHILADELPHIA, AND THAT HE WOULD MEET WITH JESSE GRAY IN NEWARK
TO SET UP PHILADELPHIA OPERATION.

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TO EARNEST THOMAS, DFDAJ SPOKESMAN, BEING SET UP AND THAT
A RALLY OF A NEGRO RIFLE GROUP IS SUPPOSED TO TAKE PLACE IN
MILITARY PARK, NEWARK, N.J., ON APRIL THIRTY NEXT AT TWO P.M.

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EARNEST THOMAS IN ARTICLE DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS AN OFFICIAL
OF DFDAJ, JONESBORO, LA.

NEW ORLEANS ALERT SOURCES FOR ANY PLANNED ACTIVITY
OF DFDAJ IN PENNSYLVANIA, NEW YORK, AND NEW JERSEY. CODED
TEL REGARDING IDENTITY OF FIRST SOURCE FOLLOWS.

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CC. MR. SULLIVAN

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES

4/20/66

- 1 - Mr. Martin
- 1 - Mr. Shackelford

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To: SACs Newark
New Orleans (157-3290)
Philadelphia (157-1828)
Washington Field (157-794)

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From: Director, FBI (157-2486) - 128

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

Rebhtels 4/17, 18/66 captioned "BIA, AIA, ..."

Information available to the Bureau from New Orleans
Does not indicate a Deacons chapter exists in New Orleans, La. or
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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- 1 - Bufile 157-33022 (OBP)

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Airtel to NK, NO, PH and WFO
Re: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
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While the subject matter is not identical, it probably is pertinent that several of the same individuals appear to be involved in both incidents.

Newark and New Orleans should immediately contact appropriate sources and determine if a Deacons of Defense and Justice chapter is known to exist in Paterson, New Jersey or planned for Philadelphia.

Philadelphia should press sources to determine if activities described in referenced teletype are actually connected with the Deacons or merely a Philadelphia-based nationalist group organized by [redacted] and [redacted] using the Deacons name for publicity purposes.

WFO should immediately contact [redacted] to determine any information available to him concerning this matter, particularly in view of his presence at the meeting referred to above.

All offices should expeditiously handle all leads in this matter and the Bureau and New Orleans, as well as the Deacons case, be kept promptly advised of all significant developments.

Philadelphia must insure local associations are fully advised of all pertinent developments in this case. Results of investigations should be furnished under the caption in form suitable for dissemination.

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The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been appointed to the various positions in the Department of the Interior, under the act of March 3, 1879, entitled "An Act to provide for the better management of the public lands, and for other purposes."

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

April 20, 1966

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A characterization of Robert M. M. M. M. is attached hereto.

An article appeared in the "Philadelphia Inquirer," a daily newspaper, on April 17, 1966, on Page One of the Second Section.

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11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PHILADELPHIA
12 OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNRECORDED)
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15 headlined, "Negro Group Vows to Make City Hot Spot." The story
16 quotes JAMES H. HARRIS, of Jonesboro, Louisiana, an official of
17 DDJ, as stating that, "Philadelphia will be the hot spot in
18 America this summer." He claimed in the article that the police
19 in Philadelphia oppress and harass the Negro community. "The
20 Philadelphia power structure should know that if there was
21 trouble, the Negro will defend himself against the police."

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23 HARRIS also said that the DDJ's will organize in Phila-
24 delphia with an unnamed Philadelphia school teacher as their
25 advisor and head of the DDJ's. The school teacher was not mentioned
26 in the article; however, he was quoted as saying he would have
27 "something to announce in about two weeks." The article also said
28 that plans were for an organizational meeting in Newark, New Jersey,
29 on April 17, 1965. This meeting would be to discuss plans for a "Black
30 March" on the White House Civil Rights Conference to be held June 1-
31 2, 1965, in Washington, D.C., to protest the fact that there were no
32 people from the Negro ghetto included in the Conference.

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34 The article stated that Mrs. SIMON M. M. ANKARDT, chair-
35 man of the Philadelphia Human Relations Commission, said, "I cannot
36 imagine that the Deacons, residents of Louisiana, know about Phila-
37 delphia and what it is like. They do suggest that their Negro citizens
38 need to be informed."

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41 that the story in the Philadelphia Inquirer had been the result
42 of a series of conferences, arranged with writer for a national
43 magazine. He had made inquiry some weeks ago in Philadelphia regard-
44 ing "Negro rifle clubs." As a result, the "Philadelphia Inquirer"
45 had contacted HARRIS, of the DDJ, by telephone. (HARRIS had been
46 in both Louisiana, Louisiana, and Chicago, Ill. was, on DDJ organiza-
47 tion business.) (CHARLES S. HARRIS, of Bogalusa, Louisiana, also a
48 leader in the DDJ, was in Philadelphia in the middle of December
49 1964. He made several speeches setting out the aims and purposes
50 of the group as being to defend itself against Klan-type individuals
51 by force of arms in the Southern United States. There was no indi-
52 cation from any remarks by HARRIS at that time that the DDJ were
53 involved in forming like organizations in Philadelphia, and it
54 appeared that his purpose in being in Philadelphia was to raise
55 money for the group directly and, also, to ask his listeners to
56 forward contributions to the DDJ's, in Bogalusa.)
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The "Philadelphia Inquirer" story also stated that [REDACTED] had been in Philadelphia several times recently; however, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised on April 17, 1966, they had no information that the DDJ's were contemplating any organization of their group in Philadelphia.

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ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION

RECEIVED BY THE FBI

This Bureau advised on July 27, 1963 that the organization of which ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader and founder, is known in Philadelphia, Pa., as the Nation's Temple (NT) and is affiliated with the Nation's Temple and purposes of the national group. These leaders advised that in 1965, the NT had moved from 2801 North Broad Street, to 1400 Commonwealth Avenue.

A field report on July 18, 1963, advised the organization is a group known in Philadelphia as the NT.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

April 20, 1966

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UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, KNIGHTS
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLANS)

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Reference

Philadelphia memorandum dated and
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

DATE: 4/25/66

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-1184)(C)

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE
RM
(OO: New Orleans)

Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau 4/31/66, with enclosed letterhead memorandum.

Enclosed for the Bureau are an original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) concerning information received from [redacted] Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit (ATTU), U. S. Treasury Department, Los Angeles. Three copies of the LHM are being designated for the office of origin, New Orleans, and one copy each to appropriate intelligence agencies.

This LHM is being classified confidential because this information could possibly identify the ATTU source.

Inasmuch as [redacted] source feels that he received false information in the beginning, Los Angeles is closing this case until pertinent information is received concerning this matter.

- 3 - Bureau (Encs.-3) (REGISTERED)
 - 1 - Dallas (Enc.-1) (REGISTERED)
 - 2 - New Orleans (157-3280) (Encs.-3) (REGISTERED)
 - 1 - Los Angeles
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AGENCY: [redacted] ONI, [redacted] SERA

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Los Angeles, California

April 25, 1966

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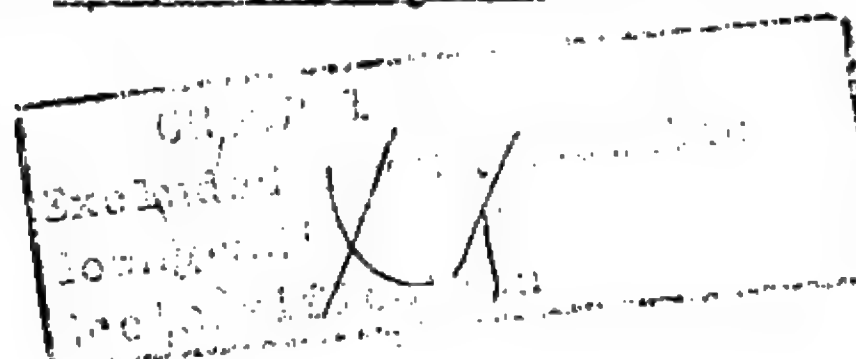
On April 19, 1966, a representative of Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit, U. S. Treasury Department, Los Angeles, California, advised that his source has been unable to obtain any information concerning the shipment of machine guns from the Czechoslovakian Firearms Manufacturer to the Deacons of Defense and Justice. His source said that he now feels that he received false information from the beginning and does not feel that this matter has any merit. His source said that he would continue to be alert for information reflecting upon this matter.

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UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

DATE: 4/28/66

FROM : SAC, WFO (157-801) (RUC)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] b7C
RACIAL MATTERS

Re WFO airtel and LHM both dated 3/31/66;
captioned "Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc."
(DDJ).

On 4/26/66, [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] stated ERNEST THOMAS, organizer for
the DDJ, who had been living in Chicago, Illinois,
has returned to Bogalusa, Louisiana, to reside.

In view of the above, WFO will conduct
no further investigation.

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - New Orleans (RM)
- 1 - Chicago (RM) (Info)
- 2 - WFO
(1-157-794) (DDJ)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Wick

DATE: 4-26-66

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: DEACONS FOR DEFENSE

██████████ called and advised as follows: He stated that on Saturday, 4-23-66, he received an anonymous long-distance telephone call. He stated that he ascertained from the operator that this call emanated from a pay telephone in Newark, New Jersey.

According to ██████████, the anonymous caller merely advised him that the Deacons for Defense are holding a meeting in Military Park, Newark, New Jersey, at 2 p.m. on April 30, 1966. According to the anonymous caller, the word was being circulated in regard to this meeting, "pocket weapons only."

██████████ had no further information regarding this call and just wanted us to have the benefit of this information.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum be forwarded to the Domestic Intelligence Division for their information and guidance.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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1 - Mr. Martin
1 - Mr. Shackelford

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To: SAC, Newark

From: Director, FBI (157-2466)

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

RePHtel 4/18/66 captioned "UKA, KKKK, RLT" and Bureau
airtel 4/20/66.

advised the Bureau he received an anonymous telephone call from a
Newark, New Jersey, pay telephone station on 4/23/66. The caller
advised that the "Deacons for Defense" are holding a
meeting in Military Park, Newark, New Jersey, at 2 p.m., 4/30/66.
The anonymous caller stated word is being circulated concerning
this meeting, "pocket weapons only." No additional information
was available concerning this call or the caller.

Newark should insure that local police authorities are
made fully aware of the above information concerning this proposed
meeting and any other information available to the Newark Office
in this regard.

Newark should closely follow this matter through police
and other logical sources and the Bureau should be promptly
advised of any pertinent developments in form suitable for
dissemination.

1 - New Orleans (157-3290)
1 - Philadelphia (157-1638)

1 - Bufile 157-4430 (UK, KKKK)
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-3290) (P)
SUBJECT: DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
RM (ORGANIZATION)

Re Philadelphia teletype to Bureau captioned
"UKA, KKKK; RM", dated 4/18/66, and Bureau airtel to
Newark, New Orleans, Philadelphia and WFO, dated
4/20/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies and
for Philadelphia, New York, WFO and Newark are 2
copies each of a LHM regarding interview of [REDACTED]

A copy of the LHM is being furnished locally
to Secret Service & ICG, New Orleans.

- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 8)
 - 2 - Philadelphia (Enc. 2) (Info)
 - 2 - New York (Enc. 2) (Info)
 - 2 - Newark (Enc. 2) (Info)
 - 2 - WFO (Enc. 2) (Info)
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NO
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RCS: [REDACTED]
Remarks: [REDACTED]

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DATE FOR: 4/27/66
HOW FOR: [REDACTED]
BY: RCS: [REDACTED]

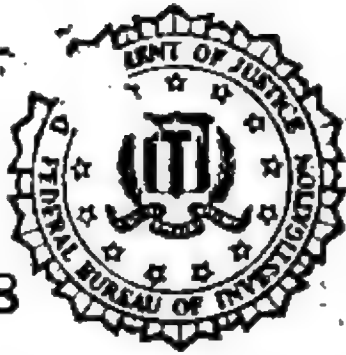
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New Orleans, Louisiana
April 22, 1966

DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.

On April 22, 1966, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he has no knowl-
edge of any planned activities of the Deacons for Defense
and Justice, Inc. (DDJ) in the Pennsylvania, New Jersey
or New York area.

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[REDACTED] advised that Earnest Thomas is the vice
president of the Jonesboro, Louisiana, DDJ, of which
Percey Bradford is the president. He stated that Thomas
is presently in Jonesboro, Louisiana, and he has not
indicated to him that he has any knowledge of planned
activities of the DDJ in the Pennsylvania, New York or
New Jersey area. [REDACTED] emphatically stated that if any

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14 such plans did exist he would certainly be aware of them.
15 [REDACTED] advised that he himself has no desire to become active
16 in that area and has heard no [REDACTED] leaders of the DDJ express
17 a desire to do so.
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19 He further advised that he is not aware of any
20 proposed rallies in the New York or New Jersey area of
21 any Negro groups.
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23 [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] is unknown to him.
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URGENT 4-21-66 6:26 PM

TO DIRECTOR (157-9-11)

FROM CLEVELAND, (157-513) 212121

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, INTERNAL SECURITY, DISRUPTION
OF HATE GROUPS (DEACONS FOR DEFENSE; MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB).

CLEVELAND DIVISION IS IN POSSESSION OF COPY OF LETTER
BEING CIRCULATED UNDER LETTERHEAD OF THE LEGITIMATE
ASSOCIATION OF PROTESTANT CHURCHES IN THE CLEVELAND AREA,
"THE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST OF GREATER CLEVELAND",
SIGNED BY CHARLES A. RAWLINGS, ANNOUNCING THE FORMATION OF A
GROUP CALLED "SUPPORT OUR YOUTH," AS THE RESULT OF DIALOGUES
CONDUCTED BY REV. PAUL YOUNGER WITH PEOPLE FROM THE JFK HOUSE,
CLEVELAND. THIS LETTER STATES JFK HOUSE WAS OPENED SEPTEMBER 10,
1964, BY LOUIS ROBINSON AND OTHERS AND WAS CLOSED IN FEBRUARY 10,
1965 DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS AND "POLICE HARASSMENT." LETTER
FURTHER STATES THE GROUP HAS DECIDED TO RAISE OVER \$1,000 PER
MONTH TO BE GIVEN TO JFK HOUSE WITH NO STRINGS ATTACHED. LETTER
CONCLUDES WITH AN APPEAL FOR PLEDGES OF AT LEAST \$10 MONTH AND

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IS BEING SENT TO PROTESTANT CHURCHES AND ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS TO CIVIC GROUPS IN CLEVELAND AND SUBURBS.

REV. YOUNGER AND REV. RAWLINGS ARE BOTH REGARDED AS DISRUPTIVE INFLUENCES BY THE LEGITIMATE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND HAVE BEEN MILITANTLY ACTIVE IN RACIAL DEMONSTRATIONS AND CIVIL DISORDERS IN THE CLEVELAND AREA.

[REDACTED]

HARLEL ROBERT JONES, OTHER LEADER OF JFK [REDACTED] WHO IS SOLICITING ORGANIZATIONS PERSONALLY, HAS RECENTLY DECLARED IN WYU TV TAPED INTERVIEW, NOT YET RELEASED, THAT HE IS VICE PRESIDENT OF DEACONS FOR DEFENSE, CLEVELAND, WHICH ORGANIZATION HE STATED IS ARMED TO PROTECT NEGROES AGAINST KKK AND POLICE, WHOM HE STATED ARE AGENTS OF KKK. JONES HAS PREDICTED RIOTS IN CLEVELAND IN 1966 AND STATED FIRST ONES TO SUFFER WILL BE THE "UNCLE TOM" NEGROES. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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RE POLICE HARASSMENT OF JFK HOUSE, IN 1964, MORE THAN FIFTY BURGLARIES WERE SOLVED WITH ARREST OF YOUNG NEGROES FROM JFK HOUSE WHO CONFESSED. IN 1965, TWO YOUNG WHITE BOYS AND THEIR FATHER WERE BEATEN UP BY YOUNG NEGROES. ONE ADULT AND ABOUT FOURTEEN YOUNG NEGROES FROM JFK HOUSE WERE ARRESTED, AND ADMITTED GUILT IN SIGNED STATEMENTS. JUST RECENTLY, ALTHOUGH JFK HOUSE CLOSED, POLICE FOUND YOUNG MALE AND FEMALE MEMBERS HAD BROKEN IN AND WERE DRINKING AND ENGAGING IN IMMORAL ACTIVITIES. ALL ABOVE MATTERS HANDLED BY NEGRO POLICE OFFICERS.

BUREAU AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO FURNISH LEAD INFORMATION RE FOREGOING TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AUTHORITY ALSO REQUESTED TO ALERT SOURCES

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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DIVISION BELIEVES SWIFT ACTION NECESSARY IN THIS MATTER TO

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PRECLUDE PLEDGES BEING MADE FOR SUPPORT OF JFK HOUSE BY
UNSUSPECTING CHURCH GROUPS, IT BEING NOTED THAT LETTER
BEING CIRCULARIZED DOES NOT GIVE TRUE PICTURE OF JFK HOUSE.

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Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (157-1922) (P)
SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY SLIP (S)
DATE 4/28/66

ReBuairtel to Newark 4/27/66 and Newark airtel to
Bureau with accompanying LHM 4/25/66 captioned LABOR NEGRO
VANGUARD CONFERENCE, IS - C, and CIRM, IS - C.

For information of New Orleans and Philadelphia,
referenced Newark airtel and LHM reflect that the LABOR NEGRO
VANGUARD CONFERENCE (LNVC) is scheduled to hold a rally at
Military Park, Newark, N.J., on 4/30/66 at 2:00 p.m. during
which CLARENCE COGGINS, member of LNVC [REDACTED] will speak on behalf of his candidacy for N.J. State Senator
and against U. S. policy in Vietnam.

[REDACTED] Newark,
N.J., advised 4/28/66 that captioned organization is unknown
to him and that this group has not requested a permit to hold
a rally in Newark, N.J.

[REDACTED]
Above [REDACTED] advised he will notify Newark FBI
should he develop any information regarding captioned group
and/or pertinent information on rally scheduled for 4/30/66.

- 5 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - (1 - 100-436462) (LNVC)
- 1 - (1 - 100-442529) (CIRM)
- 1 - New Orleans (157-3290) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Philadelphia (157-1638) (Info) (RM)
- 2 - Newark
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-794) (RUC)

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INCORPORATED
RACIAL MATTERS (Organization)
(OO:NEW ORLEANS)

ReBuairtel 4/20/66.

Enclosed for Bureau are 8 copies of an LHM, and two
copies to each following office: Newark, New Orleans,
Philadelphia.

The source in attached LHM is [REDACTED] He furnished
his information to SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised on 4/28/66, that he did not know

WFO is conducting no further investigation in
this matter.

AGENCY: [REDACTED]

- (3) - Bureau (Enc. 8)
- 2 - New Orleans (Enc. 2)
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- (1- 157-528) ([REDACTED])
- (1- 157-237) (Liaison Sources)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Washington, D. C. 20535

April 29, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND
JUSTICE, INCORPORATED

The source in this memorandum has furnished reliable information in the past.

On April 28, 1966, a source advised that he had no knowledge that a chapter of the Deacons of Defense and Justice (DDJ), existed in Patterson, New Jersey. The source had no information that the DDJ was planning to organize a chapter in Patterson, New Jersey.

The source stated the DDJ was supposedly interested in making an attempt to organize a DDJ chapter in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in the near future. The source believes the DDJ hopes to organize in Northern cities for the purpose of getting some funds and not for protection against the "Klan" as was necessary in some of the Southern states. The need for protection does not exist in the Northern cities.

The source also advised that recently [redacted] b7C [redacted] of Pennsylvania was supposedly planning some type of activity to show opposition to a "Klan" meeting to be held in New Jersey, date and place not known. The source stated this was not a DDJ activity against the Klan as far as the source knew.

The source stated Ernest Thomas, the DDJ organizer, who recently resided in Chicago, Illinois, has returned to Bogalusa, Louisiana, to live.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)
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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-572)
(157-840)
SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE,
INCORPORATED, aka
Deacons For Defense and Justice,
Incorporated
RM (ORGANIZATION)

RM (ORGANIZATION)

Re Chicago airtel and Letterhead Memorandum (LHM)
dated 4/13/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of a LHM,
and two (2) copies for New Orleans concerning captioned matter.

One copy of this LHM is being designated for U.S.
Secret Service and the USA, both Chicago, Illinois, and Region 1,
113th INTC Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will follow and report
activities of DDJ and EARNEST THOMAS in Chicago.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Chicago, Illinois
May 26, 1966

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DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE,
INCORPORATED, ALSO KNOWN AS
DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND JUSTICE,
INCORPORATED
RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

[REDACTED] b7C
RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

Reference is made to memorandum dated April 13, 1966,
at Chicago, Illinois.

On May 25, 1966, **[REDACTED]**

[REDACTED] advised the Chicago
Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that the Deacons
of Defense and Justice, Incorporated (DDJ), recently opened an
office at 1230 South Pulaski Road, Chicago, and the telephone number
of the Chicago Office of the DDJ is 522-7706. Earnest Thomas, an
organizer for the DDJ, reportedly is the individual who is responsible
for organizing the Chicago chapter of the DDJ. Thomas is in and out
of Chicago frequently, but is not known to have any permanent address
in Chicago.

The Articles of Incorporation of the Deacons of
Defense and Justice (DDJ) as on file with the
Secretary of State, for the State of Louisiana,
reflects that the Deacons of Defense and Justice,
Inc. is a Louisiana corporation domiciled at
Jonesboro, Louisiana. The location and business
office address of its registered office shall be
Amos Service Station (rear), Beach Spring Road,
Drawer B, Jonesboro, Louisiana.

"This corporation is organized for the following
purposes and to carry on the following purposes:

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16 To instruct, train, teach and educate Citizens
17 of the United States and especially minority
18 groups in the fundamental principals of the
19 republican form of government and our democratic
20 way of life; to instruct, teach, train and educate
21 said persons in the provisions of the constitution
22 and laws of the United States and the State of
23 Louisiana, as well as the constitution and laws
24 of any other State wherein this corporation may
25 operate; to instruct, teach and educate said persons
26 in the use, value and purpose of the ballot and the
27 right to vote; to instruct, teach, train and educate
28 said persons as to the duties and responsibilities
29 of good citizenship relative to the obligation and
30 duties of the citizen to the community and the
31 obligation and duties of the community to the citizen:
32 To further instruct, teach, train and educate said
33 persons in the value of economic security and in
34 the effective use of their spending power; to inspire
35 in said persons a sense of responsibility and to
36 develop leadership. This corporation has for its
37 further purpose, and is dedicated to, the defense
38 of the civil rights, property rights and personal
39 rights of said people and will defend said rights
40 by any and all honorable and legal means to the end
41 that justice may be obtained. This corporation may
42 establish chapters and conduct its business at any
43 place in this State and elsewhere as permitted by
44 law."

45 A copy of this memorandum is being furnished United States
46 Secret Service and the Office of the United States Attorney, both
47 Chicago, Illinois, and Region 1, 113th INTC Group, Evanston, Illinois.
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Via

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6-33)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (173-201) (P)
SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION,
BOGALUSA, LOUISIANA
RACIAL MATTERS

Re New Orleans teletype to Bureau, 5/13/66.

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum which is self-explanatory.

Copies also furnished Secret Service and ICG.

Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD.

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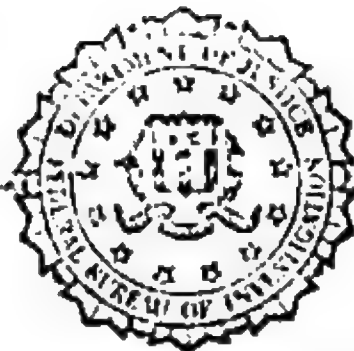
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New Orleans, Louisiana
May 13, 1966

RACIAL SITUATION,
BOGALUSA, LOUISIANA

[REDACTED] Bogalusa, Louisiana, advised on May 13, 1966, that shortly after 1:00 AM, May 13, 1966, a shooting had occurred outside the Acme Cafe located in the 400 hundred block of Columbia Street, Bogalusa, and there were no injuries.

[REDACTED] stated prior to the shooting, three Negro males, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had entered the Acme Cafe, which is currently under Federal court order to integrate. [REDACTED] states no incidents took place in the Cafe; however, [REDACTED] shortly after entering, stepped outside of the Cafe and was apparently struck by some unknown individual. Thereafter, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] left the Cafe, and the three individuals went to their automobile. [REDACTED] stated apparently shots were then fired at the Acme Cafe from the direction of the car which the Negroes had entered.

[REDACTED] Bogalusa, Louisiana, advised that at about 4:00 AM, May 13, 1966, about 20 Negroes went back to the Acme Cafe, but that no incidents occurred.

[REDACTED] Bogalusa, Louisiana, advised that at 12:00 noon, a group of 11 or 12 Negroes entered various cafes in Bogalusa and as of that time, 11 were eating at the La Plaza Cafe, and no incidents were reported.

[REDACTED] advised that in view of the shooting which occurred at the Acme Cafe, the shooting into

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10 RACIAL SITUATION
11 BOGALUSA, LOUISIANA
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13 the residence of [REDACTED] which occurred on April 15,
14 1966, the activities of the Negroes in the Bogalusa Voters League
15 and the fact that information indicated Charles Sims,
16 President, Deacons of Defense and Justice, Bogalusa, reported
17 had 20 carbines, the situation appeared to be becoming more
18 tense in the Bogalusa area. He advised there might be trouble
19 in Bogalusa on the evening of May 13, 1966, as they expected
20 numerous white people to make it a point to be at the Acme
21 Cafe and if Negroes attempted to enter, there could be trouble.
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23 [REDACTED] is scheduled to have a meeting with
24 [REDACTED] at 3:00 PM,
25 May 13, 1966, to discuss the situation, and called [REDACTED]
26 [REDACTED] on the morning of May 13, 1966, and [REDACTED] sent the
27 head of his Crime Laboratory to Bogalusa to check on the
28 bullets fired into the Acme Cafe.
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30 At 3:10 PM, Special Agent [REDACTED], 112th
31 Intelligence Corps Group, New Orleans, Louisiana, was advised
32 of the above.
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34 At 3:20 PM, [REDACTED] Clerk-Stenographer,
35 United States Secret Service, New Orleans, Louisiana, was
36 advised of the above.
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38 This confirms information furnished orally to Mr.
39 James Turner of the Civil Rights Division on 5-15-66.
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6-33)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (173-201) (P)
SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION,
BOGALUSA, LOUISIANA
RM

Enclosed herewith are eight (8) copies of
a LHM reflecting the results of a conversation with

on 5/14/66.

Copies of the enclosed LHM are being furnished
to Secret Service and ICG, locally.

Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD

Date Forw. MAY 20 1966

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By Rth - [signature]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New Orleans, Louisiana
May 14, 1966

RACIAL SITUATION, BOGALUSA,
LOUISIANA

On May 14, 1966, [REDACTED]
Bogalusa, Louisiana, Chapter of the Deacons for Defense
and Justice, approached an agent of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation and, made certain derogatory remarks regarding
the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of
Justice in connection with Civil Rights activities.

It was explained to [REDACTED] the FBI's jurisdiction
in Civil Rights and related matters.

[REDACTED] then answered that he did not think that
the Department of Justice was worth a "sh*t". [REDACTED] stated
that he did not want anything else to do with the FBI or
the Department of Justice and that if either agency at any
time wanted to talk to him, he would not do so unless they
had a warrant for his arrest.

[REDACTED] then stated that in the event any more Negroes
were "picked up" at the Acme Cafe in Bogalusa, "We will come
to the Acme and tear that place up." [REDACTED] then walked away.

[REDACTED] remarks about the Acme Cafe were immediately
furnished to [REDACTED]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2466)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (157-1922) (RUC)

SUBJECT: DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)
(OO: NEW ORLEANS)

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RE: Bureau airtel, 4/20/66. DATE OF REVIEW _____

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM. Two copies of LHM enclosed for New Orleans, Philadelphia, and the Washington Field Office.

[redacted] is [redacted]

Other appropriate sources of the Newark Office were unable to furnish any information concerning the existence of a DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC. (EDJ) Chapter in Paterson, New Jersey, or in any other part of New Jersey.

[redacted], mentioned in LHM, stated that he knew nothing of a proposed demonstration on June 1-2, 1966, at the White House, Washington, D.C., in opposition to the White House Conference on Civil Rights.

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2-WFO (157-794) (Enc. 2)
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Approved: [signature]

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14 He said he knew of [REDACTED], whom he described as a
15 "pinko", but by reputation only. He denied having any
16 knowledge of [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] b7C
17 [REDACTED] He knows [REDACTED] and his group in
18 the LABOR NEGRO VANGUARD CONFERENCE (LNVC). He said
19 that [REDACTED] and the others in the LNVC are known in the
20 Negro community as communists.
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RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)

[REDACTED] that he had (c)
learned from a source he would not divulge that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Newark, New Jersey, is
Chief of the "Deacons for Defense" in Newark, and
meetings of this organization have been held in homes in
Newark.

[REDACTED] that he believes (c)
that [REDACTED] took the name of the "Deacons for
Defense and Justice" for a group of individuals he is
attempting to organize but that he has no connection with
the DDJ of Louisiana. He stated that [REDACTED] wants
publicity and notoriety for his group which he believes
is small but which could get bigger if the desired
publicity is forthcoming. He added that [REDACTED] is busy
at this time [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (c)
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] advised on May 24, 1966, that he is [REDACTED] of a
group of Negroes who call themselves "Deacons of Defense
and Justice" as a result of their admiration for the real
DDJ in Louisiana. He added that they have no connection
either official or unofficial with the DDJ. He added
that he estimated that about 70 persons had expressed an
interest in his organization.

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